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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN STATEMENT ON ZIONISM AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING

1. AHRAM REPORTS MAY 13 THAT, IN OPENING STATEMENT TO SEVENTH
ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE, EGYPTIAN MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, MUHAMMAD RIAD, DECLARED THAT THERE IS "ORGANIC RELATIONSHIP"
BETWEEN RACISM AND ZIONISM AND AFFIRMED "EXPANSIONIST NATURE OF
ZIONIST RACISM." AKHBAR, WHICH APPARENTLY OBTAINED ADVANCE
COPY OF RIAD SPEECH, PREVIEWED MINISTATE COMMENTS MAY 12, USING
IDENTICAL "ORGANIC RELATIONSHIP" AND "EXPANSIONIST NTURE"
WORDING, ALTHOUGH MAY 13 AKHBAR AND GUMHURIYYA ARTICLES ON OPENING
OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE DO NOT METNION RIAD.

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2. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN MAY FEEL THAT "ORGANIC RELATIONSIP"
STATEMENT Milder THAN TOTAL QUATION ZIONISM AND RACISM,
BUT THIS UNLIKELY TO MOLLIFY ISRAELIS. IN LIGHT OF
RAPPROACHEMENT BETWEEN GOE AND PLO AND UPCOMING
SALIM/AYYUBI MEETING IN RIYADH, IT APPEARS EGGYPTIANS
COULD NOT RESIST PLAYING TO ARAB GRANDSTAND, EVEN THOUGH
GOE OFFICIALS, AND PARTICULARLY RIAD HIMSELF, HAVE BEEN
ASSURING US THAT EGYPTIANS DID NOT WISH TO SEE ZIONISM-IS-RACISM
ISSUE RAISED IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORA IN 1976.
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